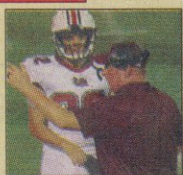


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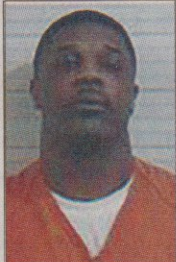
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Arrest made in 2020 Elba murder case

Elba Police executed an arrest warrant last week in the 2020 murder case of Donta Jaqun Rogers of Elba.

Rogers was shot and killed in the early morning of Jan. 16, 2020 at the residence of 617 Putnam Street, Elba. He was 26-years-old at the time of his death.



Juron Waldon

Last Wednesday, Aug. 30, Elba Police arrested Juron Waldon, age 31, of Hartford, Ala., and charged him with murder in connection to Rogers' death. Waldon also was charged with burglary – first degree.

Waldon currently is in the Coffee County Jail. His

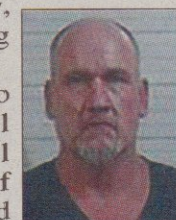
initial appearance hearing was held Sept. 1, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 15-30-03 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 (Aniah's Law), Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson scheduled a pretrial detention hearing for this Thursday, Sept. 7, at 1:30 p.m. This hearing will be held at the Coffee County Courthouse annex in Enterprise.

Coffee County Deputies arrest Troy woman for chemical endangerment of a child and other illegal drug charges

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested a Jack, Alabama man last Thursday, Aug. 31, on drug charges.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Michael Odom, age 49, of Jack, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance [\$15,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$5,000 bond], attempting to elude – no injury [\$20,000 bond],



Odom

reckless driving [\$500 bond] probation revocation, and three counts of bond revocation.

The following day, Friday, Sept. 1, Coffee County deputies arrested Kellie Weisensale, age 37, of Troy, Ala., on multiple drug charges to include chemical endangerment of a child [\$15,000 bond]. She also was charged with possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond],



Weisensale

Coffee County Jail.



Emergency responders in Elba were dispatched just after 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, to a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 166 in Elba. The vehicle above received heavy damage to the front and left side while a second vehicle also was damaged. As of press time this week, the cause of the accident was still being investigated. All persons involved in the wreck were from neighboring counties. Enterprise Rescue transported a couple of patients to be "checked out" at a local hospital.

New cameras will be installed and operational by Monday, Sept. 11th

Pass an Elba City Schools school bus illegally...get a ticket

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Authorities investigate reported threat to Elba High School

At 9:09 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Coffee County 911 received a call of a possible threat to Elba High School, according to information released last week from the Coffee County EMA office, and both Elba Elementary and Elba High schools were immediately placed on lockdown.

"Per protocols both the high school and the elementary schools were placed in lockdown and multiple law enforcement and medical agencies responded to the school, including the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Office, EMA, SBI and ALEA," said James Brown, Coffee County EMA director. "By 12:12 p.m., the high school had been completely searched and cleared, and both schools were released from lockdown.

He said the Coffee County Sheriff's Office increased patrols in the area to supplement the SRO (School Resource Officer).

"Multiple agencies are working with the Sheriff's Office to determine the credibility of the threat and locate the subject(s) making these threats to ensure they are prosecuted to the full-extent of the law," Brown said.

No further details have been released as the investigation is ongoing.

Starting Monday, Sept. 11, those who illegally pass an Elba City Schools school bus when it is stopped with the stop sign/stop arm activated will be subject to receive a ticket in the mail for that illegal maneuver.

"Through one of our safety grants that Elba City Schools received this year, we have used some of that

to provide additional cameras on our buses to be able to catch motorists that illegally pass our stopped buses," said Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley. "AngelTrax will provide cameras for our buses that will be added to

the outside of each bus, and if you were to illegally pass one of our buses while the stop sign is out, that company is going to automatically send you a ticket."

AngelTrax is a designer, manufacturer and provider of mobile video surveillance. The cameras being obtained by Elba City Schools from AngelTrax will capture court-ready evidence of stop arm violations.

Moseley said AngelTrax will monitor the cameras that will be installed on the Elba buses, and they will send the tickets out to violators. The monitoring is tracked with the vehicle's tag, Moseley said.

The school system will receive a percentage of all monies collected from the violators.

"We just want to let the general public know that they need to be aware that starting Sept. 11th these cameras should be installed on Elba City Schools buses and fully running," Moseley said. "We just ask everyone to please adhere to the law and not pass our



Beginning Monday, Sept. 11, those who illegally pass an Elba City Schools school bus when it is stopped with the stop sign/stop arm activated will be subject to receive a \$300 ticket in the mail.

buses when the stop sign/ arm is out."

Moseley said he does not want anyone to receive a \$300 ticket, but more importantly, he said he wants to do everything possible to

increase safety for the students of Elba City Schools. "This is for the safety of our students," he said. "We do have some that must cross major highways to get to their homes."

Governor urges Alabamians to "be ready" when disaster strikes

As the nation marks "National Preparedness Month" in September, Governor Kay Ivey urges all Alabamians to have a plan ready for when disaster strikes.

"Alabama is no stranger to the unpredictable and sometimes harmful effects of Mother Nature," said Governor Ivey. "While we cannot stop a hurricane, tor-

nado or flash flood, we can take steps to lessen their impact on our lives and better protect ourselves and our loved ones.

"National Preparedness Month is a good time to focus on making your personal plan to be ready in the event of a disaster, including having access to timely information, the ability to communicate with family and loved ones, and also have a Go-Kit with all the essentials you need if you are cut off from basic services. I encourage everyone to begin their planning well before an emergency strikes," continued Governor Ivey.

"National Preparedness Month is an opportunity to bring awareness on taking action in making a plan by updating and gathering what you need to keep your family safe during a disaster and creating a more resilient community," said Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Jeff Smitherman. "With the leadership and support of Governor Ivey, Alabama held its first inaugural Resilience Council meeting last week. The council is a platform for local, state, federal, and private partners to discuss ways to better prepare Alabama's communities to withstand events that result in harmful

Area Happenings

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2024 on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at 12 noon. The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, during the regular board meeting. Both hearing will be at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Coffee County Extension office will host a Venomous Snake Handling training Monday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. This workshop is for first responders, city employees, road crews, groundskeepers, or anyone else who may encounter a venomous snake, or would just like to learn more about snakes. The workshop is free to attend thanks to Auburn University's "Tiger Giving Day" but participants must register to attend. The workshop is limited to 25 participants registered by visiting www.aces.edu/go/snake-training. For questions, contact Regional Extension Agent Bence Carter at 334-389-4055, or the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

New Elba Postmaster carries on family tradition

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba's new postmaster says the job is a dream come true for him.

Scott Jones, a resident of the Basin Community in Coffee County, accepted the job as Elba/Jack Postmaster on July 15th. He began his career with the United States Postal Service in 2007 as a city carrier for Enterprise. Then, following stops with Opp and Auburn, he served as a rural carrier from 2014-2023 in New Brockton.

"I accepted a supervisor position in Ashford, Alabama in April of 2023 before accepting the Elba Postmaster job in July," Jones said. "Elba/Jack Postmaster is something that I have dreamed about becoming for the last nine years. I am blessed with the opportunity, and I'm thankful for everyone that has helped me on this journey."

He said his love and pride for his job with the USPS is something most do not understand, but it truly is a family affair that goes back generations.

Jones' grandmother, Charlotte Holley, served as a carrier from 1966-1999. She began her career in Florida, but he said she spent the majority of her carrier days on Route 2 in



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Kinston. Then, his mother, Wendy Lasiter, started work with the postal service in 1990. She began in Evergreen but spent most of her career with the Enterprise Post Office. However, many Elba residents will recall that Lasiter served as the Elba Postmaster from September 2009 until her retirement in 2018.

"My mother's 28 years and my grandmother's 30 years of employment with

the USPS is something they enjoyed until their retirements," Jones said. "I am honored to be a generational employee, and I plan on retiring as Elba Postmaster too."

Other family ties to the postal service for Jones include his great great grandfather, William Holley who was the first postmaster of Old Town (modern day Teel Creek/Alborton, Perry

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The tongue is like a lion. If you let it loose, it will wound someone" - unknown

The very successful singer/businessman (and Alabama native) Jimmy Buffett died last week. We don't claim to be an 'avid fan' of the man but were aware of some of his well-known songs. Our granddaughter was far more tuned in to him than we would ever be. One day, some 20 years ago, we were returning home from a meeting in Birmingham and decided it was 'just as close' to home for a doting granddad to whip by Opelika and pick up granddaughter for a weekend visit with her loving grandparents. She was very young, in the back seat still in the required car seat, when she started singing at the top of her lungs. The song – "It's Five O'clock Somewhere." She knew more of the words that granddaddy (we assume they were correct) but for sure she got the "It's Five O'clock Somewhere", part right – and louder each time! Don't recall how long she kept repeating those words, but it seemed like she continued forever. Sarah, we would sure like to relive that memorable trip.

Recently we were reading a list of things the experts say parents should and/or should not be teaching their children. We could agree with most of the dozen or so itemized things. The one about encouraging them to think for themselves really jumped out at us, as we have long advocated for that. Of course be prepared that if you do teach them to think for themselves, it will one day scare the hzzz out of you to realize they are actually doing that very thing!

An appeals court has turned down a recently designed Alabama voter district map, citing the Legislature for ignoring the court mandate for two black dominant congressional districts reflecting the percentage of black citizens in the state. The latest district lines drawn by the lawmakers vary the former district lines, increasing the black voters registered in District 2 (includes Coffee County) but not quite making it the second majority black district mandated by the courts. We already see local district lines that shrink to small bottleneck strips and then balloon to cover whole neighborhoods but you can expect to see the ultimate district lines that actually accomplish the required balance to be almost impossible for the voters to understand. Having said that, we can offer no successful alternative!

A growing number of people are becoming concerned about the latest surge in COVID cases across America. When asked 'what is going to happen', we can only admit to having no idea, but suggesting "err on the side of caution" and get the new shots as soon as they become available. Of course, if you KNOW you will not ever, ever get the virus – don't get the shot, wear your mask or anything – just laugh at those of us who take the precautions. However, and we type this with great respect for our American freedoms, if you have to do it in isolation from a hospital bed, please don't be too loud with your snickers.

Alabama's historic grocery tax cut goes into effect

Guest Editorial
Alabama Lt. Governor
Will Ainsworth

Alabamians are feeling a bit of relief at the grocery store checkout lines as a result of the tax cut on food that a coalition of conservative lawmakers and I pushed through the Legislature during the 2023 regular session.

Beginning on September 1, the state's four percent sales tax on grocery items was reduced to three percent, and if growth in the Education Trust Fund continues at the same pace as recent years, another \$150 million tax cut will automatically go into effect as soon as 2024.

My goal is to continue chipping away at the tax until it is eliminated altogether in the near future.

Alabama was one of only three states that taxed groceries at the full rate - South Dakota and Mississippi are the others - and we are one of only 13 states in the nation that levy any tax on food.

The newly-implemented tax cut applies to any food that falls under the definitions of the federal food stamp program, known as SNAP in D.C. circles, which means all groceries are covered except for prepared, hot food from in-store delis.

A clause in the law that is now in effect blocks cities and counties from raising their sales taxes on groceries so Alabamians can be assured of the intended savings, but mayors, council members, and commissions do have the option of following our lead and cutting the local sales taxes on groceries if they choose.

For several decades, advocacy groups pushed to remove the grocery tax, but their plans always required new taxes to be shifted onto the backs of the middle

class in order to offset revenue losses. As a conservative Republican who believes in cutting taxes, not simply moving them around like a rigged shell game, such proposals were considered non-starters in my eyes and those of my GOP colleagues.

During my term in the Alabama House and now, as lieutenant governor, it became obvious that the commonsense budgeting practices put in place after Republicans gained control of the Legislature in 2010 were creating surpluses and comfortable fiscal cushions that did not previously exist.

The pro-business measures we enacted were also creating an economic atmosphere that attracted both new and expanding industries and encouraged employers ranging from the largest companies to the smallest mom-and-pop storefronts to create new jobs and opportunities for Alabamians who were willing to work.

Soon enough, the unprecedented revenues flowing into the state treasury meant we could afford to begin eliminating the grocery tax without burdening any Alabamians with new or offsetting levies.

I worked closely with Sen. Andrew Jones (R - Centre), House Education Budget Chair Danny Garrett (R - Trussville), and Senate Education Budget Chair Arthur Orr (R - Decatur) to create a workable plan that also offered full protection to public education funding

for K-12 schools, community colleges, and four-year universities.

I personally met with countless experts, advisors, and associations, including the grocers who collect the tax at the point of sale, and rallied them to join us in taking action.

Once the bill was drafted, my office recruited all 35 members of the Alabama

Senate and 100 of the 105 House members to sign on as sponsors, which was considered by many pundits to be a political miracle in the highly partisan and philosophically contentious times in which we live.

The legislation eventually passed both chambers with

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Elba Police Report

Due to a glitch with the system that generates the 'daily activity' reports for the Elba Police Department, the Elba Clipper has been unable to publish the weekly Elba Police Report for

several weeks now.

Unfortunately, we do not know when this system issue will be cleared up, but the Elba Police Report will return to the newspaper as soon as it is corrected.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou accidentally upset Little Bean earlier this week, and the little one let Lou Lou know about in clear "bean terms."

Lou Lou was having trouble sleeping...she had completed some strenuous work the day prior, and had aches in her back and legs. After tossing and turning for what seemed like hours in the bed, Lou Lou decided to go lay on the couch to see if that would better suit the aches and pains.

Little Bean was asleep when Lou Lou got out of the bed, so, Lou Lou left the

little monster there to enjoy her nighttime z's. Usually, it is not very long when Lou Lou leaves the bed that Bean will come searching for her, but that did not happen on this occasion.

Apparently, Bean was in a deep sleep and did not realize that Lou Lou had left her. When Sister made her daily stop by Lou Lou's room to say "bye" to Bean as she headed off to work, it was at that moment when Bean realized Lou Lou was not there anymore.

She came in search of Lou Lou...

Of course, Lou Lou loved on her some before getting ready for work, and she thought all was well with her little monster. Then, she arrived home for lunch and Bean, in her adorable 'arguing growl' let Lou Lou have it!

After fussing for a few minutes at Lou Lou, the little monster went completely across the room and sat down. She would not even come sit with Lou Lou for a few minutes of snuggles during the lunch hour.

Sister was just arriving home for lunch when Lou Lou left, so, she did not get a chance to explain Bean's mood to Sister ahead of time, but it did not take her long either to figure out that Bean was UPSET with Lou Lou!

Papa had been witness to the whole scene, and when Bean barked in displeasure at Sister during her lunch too, he explained to her that Bean was mad at her mama (Lou Lou). That led Sister to place a phone call to Lou Lou insisting that she not leave Bean alone anymore in the bed overnight!

By the end of the day, Bean had forgiven Lou Lou for her mistake, but it took some extra treats and pampering! Lou Lou swears the little monster is even more spoiled than Sister! Bean has apparently watched Sister closely and learned just how to "get her way!" Lou Lou isn't sure she will survive them both!!

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Good turnout for Elba Quarterback Club meeting...Over 40 attended last Friday's Elba Quarterback Club "Gameday" Lunch Meeting held at the Elba Country Club (top photo). The guest speaker was Elba's own Greg Hanchey. He serves as the team's chaplain, and he also helps make sure Mack Wood Field is above par for each home game through his knowledge/skills as Elba Recreation director. Right: Football players and cheerleaders recognized at the meeting were (from left) Cayden Adkins, Zalie McKelvy, Adalyn O'Neal, Collin Arnold, and Kaleb Mitchell.



Revised laws for notaries went into effect Sept. 1st in Alabama

The Alabama Legislature revised Alabama's laws relating to the appointment of notaries public and the notary public office. These changes became effective Friday, September 1, 2023. All currently serving notaries public are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these changes. The Alabama Probate Judges Association's Internet website has information about these changes,

the new application form to be utilized, and the new training program. The address for the website is www.alpja.org. A summary of the significant changes included in the revised Notary Public Act also is available on the Court's website, www.cof-feeecoprobate-al.org, and in printed form at the Probate Court's offices located in Elba and Enterprise, Alabama.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It is a great honor to serve as your new Elba Postmaster. In my years with the United States Postal Service, I have seen firsthand the role the Postal Service plays connecting neighbors and our community to the nation. Our Post Offices also serve as a lifeline for our small businesses to reach customers no matter where they are.

About two years ago, the United States Postal Service published an ambitious but achievable 10-year strategic plan, Delivering for America. The plan established a path to building a Postal Service that is financially strong and consistently delivers on-time for the American public.

In the short time since the launch of our 10-year plan, and under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, we are making great progress on its four key pillars: Investing in our people, modernizing our network, providing service excellence, and creating financial sustainability.

Our actions are leading to concrete results. We had exceptionally positive holiday seasons in 2021

and 2022. We successfully delivered more than 680 million COVID-19 Test Kits to the American public during the past two winters. In the 2022 midterm elections, we delivered 54.4 million ballots from voters to election officials in an average of under two days. And USPS installed a total of 249 new processing machines as part of a \$40 billion investment in the postal network. With these new machines, we can now process 60 million packages every day. Additionally, we are focused on making USPS a great place to work, creating career pathways and opportunities for our employees.

All of this in service of delivering mail and packages to more than 165 million addresses across our nation every day.

On behalf of the 650,000 women and men of the U.S. Postal Service, I thank you for continuing to support the Postal Service. Providing reliable mail delivery while strengthening the future of this treasured institution is our commitment to you.

Scott Jones
Postmaster, Elba, AL

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Store Community). Also, his stepfather, Bo Lasiter, has worked as a rural carrier in Daleville since 2010 but has been employed with the USPS since 2007.

"I look forward to serving the community that I live in and hold so near to my heart," Jones said. "Nothing beats the communities that surround the areas of Elba and Jack."

He said the Elba and Jack post offices employee some amazing individuals that take pride in being employees of the USPS, and he looks forward to guiding them into the future.

"The postal service has changed so much in my long career with the USPS," Jones said. "The new challenges we are facing as an organization are tasks that I'm excited to manage. I look forward to being involved with the community and making the Elba and Jack post offices become a vital part of this area of the state that is filled with so much history."

He said one of his goals is to provide a friendly atmosphere for customers of the Elba post office, and deliver

dependable service to all. Jones and his wife, Katie, have three children – sons, Ryan Worsham and Layne Jones, and daughter, Jessie Jones. In his free time, he stays active with the Kinston Recreation Department where he currently holds the position of president.


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How to Take Care of Yourself When a Loved One Dies by Suicide
The grief felt when a loved one dies by suicide is complicated. Coping with these feelings of loss and grief is very difficult. Here are some tips for taking care of yourself when a loved one dies by suicide.

Find someone to talk to. It can be very hard for survivors to find someone to talk about their feelings with because there is often a lot of stigma and misunderstanding around suicide. If you can't talk openly with friends or family, find a local support group, doctor, counselor, or religious leader to speak with.

Know that it's not going to be easy. Grief is never easy, but suicide almost always leads to complicated grief. This means that feelings of sadness and loss are extremely intense and can be very debilitating. It may take longer for you to start to heal.

Find ways to honor the life of the person who has died. Don't focus as much on their death but try to focus on their life. Review pictures and mementos, make a memory box, spend time at their favorite spots, or cook their favorite food.

Develop a resource list of people to call when times get tough. Know that you may have suicidal thoughts yourself and that this is very common. Have a list of trusted people to call when you need help.

Be kind to yourself. Eat healthy food, exercise, allow yourself time to do only what is essential, or spend time in nature.

Educate yourself. When you are ready, collect information about suicide. Read books about surviving suicide.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. It is always okay to reach out, no matter the day or time. No matter what you are feeling, someone else has felt that way before too. If you can't talk to friends, family, or other support people reach out to one of the organizations below who can help connect you with support.

Here are some other resources:
National Suicide Prevention Hotline – 1-800-273-8255
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Veterans Crisis Line – 1-800-273-8255 EXT 1
www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/hotline
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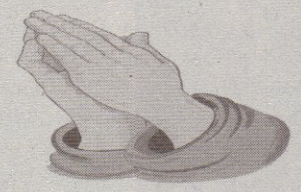
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Obituaries
Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

ONELL HAM COON
Mrs. Onell Ham Coon, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala. Grave-side services were held Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Elba with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services. She was preceded in

death by her husband - Charles A. Coon; parents - Mildred Guy and Charlie Ham; son - Steve Coon; brothers - Finley Ham and Kimmey Ham, and brother-in-law - Joe Miller. Survivors include son: David (Jan) Coon, Elba; sisters: Marie Miller, and Betty (Quinton) Roberts, both of Opp.



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unanimous, bi-partisan support. It is estimated that our dinner table tax cut will save the average Alabama family the cost of two weeks of groceries, which is essential when Bidenomics is causing inflation to skyrocket along with the price of gas and other everyday essentials. Between 2022 and 2023, the cost of food rose by an average of 7.7% according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Eggs alone cost a third more than they did last year, bread and cereal are up by 25%, and meat, fish, and chicken are substantially higher. Our success in cutting the grocery tax demonstrates what can be accomplished if we stay true to our conservative beliefs,

build consensus, and have the courage to attempt to accomplish what many say can't be done. But the job is only half-complete. We must eliminate the second half of the grocery tax, and a legislative study group we empaneled is already running the numbers, making plans, and putting together a blueprint to accomplish that goal. In the meantime, Alabamians will find their wallets are just a bit fatter and their bank accounts are just a bit fuller as savings at the checkout continue to accrue, but rest assured that my colleagues and I are working hard to finish our mission of providing you with full relief from taxes on the groceries you purchase.

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Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommend every home have a basic emergency Go-Kit including the following:

- Water and non-perishable food to last for several days
- Cell phone with weather/news apps as well as extra cell phone battery or charger
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio capable of receiving NOAA Weather Radio alerts as well as local news broadcasts
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- A first aid kit
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Sleeping bag or warm

blanket for each person. Equally important, Alabamians should develop and coordinate contingency plans with family and close-by friends if there is a need to evacuate and seek shelter. "While any time before a disaster is a good time to make plans," Governor Ivey added, "I recommend all Alabamians prepare for emergencies now to reduce the harm they and their families could face down the road. Plan to be ready!" For additional information on planning for emergencies, visit the www.ready.gov and https://ema.alabama.gov/.

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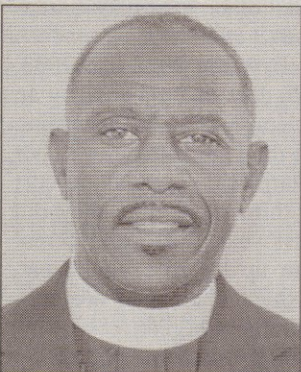
The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Saturday, Sept. 2, at 8 a.m. where Brother Jeremy Wade Bess turned in his Entered Apprentice lesson and was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Those present for this special meeting were (front row, l to r) Daniel Stephens, James Beasley, Joseph Bess, Jeremy Wade Bess, Wendell Black, Drexell Richards, Mike Marler, Larry Shaw, Tim Marler, and Jack Caradine; (middle row, l to r) Michael Phelps, Dale Stewart, Mike Murphy, Will Moore, Eric Bradshaw, Howard Oliver, and Derrick Cain; (back, l to r) Brian Smith, Mac Moore, and Tommy Morrow; and (not pictured) Harry Young.

Family and Friends Day set for Sept. 24th at Greater Holy Temple COGIC

“Family & Friends Day” will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. beginning at 3 p.m.

Guest Speaker will be Supt. James Stark Jr. (Troy District Supt. & Pastor of New Glorious C.O.G.I.C. (Shiloh Community). Host Pastor is Elder Jai A. Flowers

Everyone is cordially invited!



Supt. James Starks Jr.

Alabama DHR announces September 2023 childcare stability grants

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) on Friday, Sept. 1, announced another round of grants supporting childcare providers and the families they serve.

Starting September 1, DHR is accepting applications for Child Care Stability grants, which aim to reinforce the “Happy Days Ahead” Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The “Happy Days Ahead” Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

force the childcare industry in Alabama. September 18 is the final day to apply.

Award amounts for applicants who qualify will be determined based on the total number of children served by the facility or home.

“We are grateful to be able to provide these grants to

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery. For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

Republican Women of Coffee County meeting set for Sept. 20th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Randolph Russell, author of the book, *American History in No Time: A Quick and Easy Read for the Basics*.

Social time begins at 11 am; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.

Contact Shannon no later than September 17th to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or rwccreservations@gmail.com. Also let her know if planning to eat.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 334-282-2200



Scripture: A Song and Psalm for the Sons of Korah. Psalm 48: 1-14

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Mary Helen Robinson 10/29
Tre A. Williams 10/29
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Quinton Smith 10/31
Rev. Darryl Caldwell 11/1
Clize Thomas 11/1
Greg Martin 11/2
Alvin Jones 11/2
Michael and Evelyn Manning 11/2 W.A.
Dana Kelley 11/2

Annual Rainbow Tea, hosted by the Christian Women Ministry of Daleville Christian Fellowship Worship Center, will be Saturday, Sept. 9, at 4 p.m. at the Archbishop Carl McComb Community Life Center. Guest speaker will be Linda F.S. Boykin, Glory to Him Fellowship, Ozark, Ala. For Additional information, call 334-598-6279

Pastoral Appreciation Service for Archbishop Carl. McComb and Family will be Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Daleville Christian Fellowship Worship Center in Daleville, Ala. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sammy Milton from Huntsville, Ala.

The Southeast District

State Convention Laymen's Workshop will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Host church is Greater Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee, Ala. Lunch will be served. Registration is \$20.

John Thomas Smith... “Once upon a time” – as stories go – two parent families represented the norm. Typically, fathers would go off to work in the morning and come home at night, while mothers stayed home to care for the house and the children. Many fathers found that their after-work tasks included administering discipline to the children for whatever trouble they had been into during the day. During the day, if a child misbehaved, he might hear his mother say, “Johnny, just wait until your father gets home!” If the misdeed was moderately serious, the child's middle name might be added: “John Thomas...” If the misbehavior was very serious, or if the mother had become exasperated by a series of minor misdeeds, Johnny might hear, “John Thomas Smith, you just wait till your father gets home and then you will be in real trouble!” The child would have time to contemplate what that threat could entail. The child's fear of the father's wrath could be a sign of respect, if the father was a just father. It could also be a sign of terror, if the father was prone to excessive discipline. The Israelites who stood before Moses at the base of the mountain seem to have thought of God as a terror-inducing tyrant. Perhaps, like errant children, they realized their own behavior did not measure up the divine standards that had so recently been set before them. Fear was an appropriate response for them. – C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9/7/23
True or False
Q: The acceptable year of the Lord will include a day of vengeance.
A: True [Isaiah 61:2]
Q: The Jewish high priest had to offer sacrifices for his own sins.
A: True [Hebrews 5:3]
Q: Adding things to the book of Revelation will bring plaques.
A: True [Revelation 22:18]

Thought to Remember
A bite of sin, leaves a bitter aftertaste.

Questions for the Week of 9/14/23
Multiple Choice
Q: Who gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils from battle? (Noah, Abraham, Saul)
Q: John was assured the sayings were faithful and what? (profound, honorable, true)
Q: When Christ returns He will bring what? (reward, crown, leaves)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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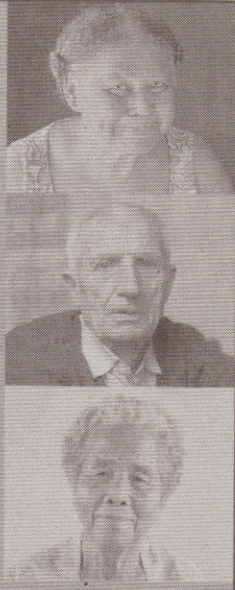
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Digital copies of the Bid Documents in PDF format are available for download at www.fosheearchitecture.com/elba at no cost. A hard copy is available for examination at the office of Sally Bane, City Clerk, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm CST. Access to the site is available by appointment by contacting Bryson Dear, City of Elba Building Inspector, at (334)897-2333.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL RHOADES, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-2023-052

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for Jimmie W. Rhoades,
Personal Representative
8/24,31&9/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH M. JOHNSON, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2023-051

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Rhonda Bozeman Brunson as Executrix, respectively, of the Estate of Kenneth M. Johnson, Deceased, who departed this life on the 3rd day of April, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rhonda Bozeman Brunson, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth M. Johnson, Deceased
8/24,31,&9/7-pd.

BID#: 2023-05

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Coffee County, Alabama

Separate, sealed bids for the Proposed Sub-Contract Phases for "SBI-ABC Joint Facility" in Enterprise, Alabama, will be received by the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351, until 10:00 a.m. on the date of the bid in the Commission Office. Final bids must be received before the deadline at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Community Room of the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351. Project prime phase II work consists of six (6) individual divisions of work as follows:

4. Interiors Contract with labor and material for the following:

a. All interior wall framing and wall sheathing materials including gypsum board hanging and preparation (float and finish as specified) all wall insulation, wall and floor tile (hard tile, LVT, carpet, bases, and all floor transitions).

b. All doors, door frames, with hardware and accessories. Interior windows, window frames with glass, glazing, and accessories (blinds, shades, and tinting).

c. All ceiling assembly systems – to include acoustical ceiling grid, acoustical ceiling tiles, above ceiling insulation where designated.

d. All cabinets and countertops per drawings and specifications.

e. All interior signage per drawings and specifications.

f. All fire extinguish-

ers per drawings and specifications.

g. Provide submittals per drawings and specifications.

h. All items not included in 5 through 9 below, refer to Alternates & Allowances sheet T0.1.

5. Painting Contract with labor and material for a complete installation of the following:

a. Painting and finishing all walls, doors, door frames, etc.

b. Exterior items to include miscellaneous metals and parking lot striping. Provide a separate price for painting concrete garage floor.

c. Contractor to provide color samples and coordinate all selections with Architect and Owner.

6. Floor Covering Contract with labor and material for a complete installation of the following:

a. All floor finishes as indicated on plans and specifications.

b. Contractor to provide submittals and samples to Architect and Owner for selection.

7. Fire Sprinkler System Contract with labor and materials for a complete installation:

a. Fire sprinkler Contractor to provide design with layout and calculations for permitting.

b. Contractor to provide submittals and samples to Architect and Owner for approval.

c. Contractor to provide all testing and certifications required.

8. Landscaping and Erosion Contract

a. Landscape Contractor to provide landscaping plan to include irrigation (priced separately – refer to Allowances sheet T0.1).

b. Contractor to provide plant schedule and submittal data to Owner for approval.

9. Fencing and Auto-Gate Contract

a. Fencing Contractor to provide all fencing with gates and controllers per plans and specifications.

b. Contractor to provide submittal data to Owner for approval.

(Note – Contracts to be submitted as a single bid permitted and bonded as a single contract.)

The project work consists of "A new joint facility for SBI-ABC," located at 119 Commerce Drive, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, as indicated in the project documents, include partial civil work to be coordinated with the County Engineering Department thereafter a full ground up completed facility. County will act as Construction-Project Manager (CPM). All work schedules will be coordinated by the designated representative.

The Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

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Bid Documents & Plans be obtained from G. Mark Pepe Architect, 307 W. Adams St., Dothan, AL 36303. Call 334-712-9721.

Bidding Documents for all interested bidders may be obtained upon payment of a deposit of \$200.00 per set. The deposit will be refunded in full to each prime contractor upon return of the documents in reusable condition within 10 days after bid opening. For non-prime contractors, the deposit shall be refunded less \$50.00 to cover the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, upon return of the documents in reusable condition within 10 days after bid opening. No partial sets will be sold. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Prime bidders will be

required to attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday September 7th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Meeting will take place at County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351. Only proposals from bidders with registered attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will be accepted.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bids will be received only from Qualified Contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors and meeting the qualifications indicated in the Project Documents.

Dean Smith
CHAIRMAN
8-24,31&9-7-chg

IN THE MATTER OF GREGG LEE PRETTYMAN
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2023-049

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Joshua C. Prettyman on the 24th day of August 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 24th day of August 2023.

Joshua C. Prettyman
Personal Representative

Matt Brunson
Attorney for Estate
8/31,9/7,14-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Gloria June Jurasek, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2023-047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jimmy Joseph Jurasek as Executor, respectively, of the Estate of Gloria June Jurasek Deceased, who departed this life on the 26th day of June, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN than all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s James Joseph Jurasek
James Joseph Jurasek,
Executor of the Estate
of Gloria June Jurasek
Deceased
9/7,14,21-pd

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson will become a teenager this weekend and it is hard to believe that the little man that has been such a big part of our lives for so long will actually turn 13. We have had the privilege of watching Lawson grow up daily since his Mom moved back home to Elba nine years ago, and we are indeed blessed that he has grown to love his Nanny and Granddaddy. Happy Birthday, Lawson, and count on us being here to help you celebrate many more!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers did exactly* what they were expected to do last week against a gritty, but out-manned pack of Kinston Bulldogs as they raced out to a 35-0 first quarter lead and then let the reserves mop up the region win. The Tigers came out running against the Bulldogs and by the end of the first quarter Alvin Henderson had already rushed for 129 yards and 3 touchdowns, and Cayden Adkins had chipped in with 112 yards and 1 touchdown rushing. By the end of the first quarter Elba had scored 35 points and Kinston had made six first downs. If it had been a boxing match it would have been stopped! The Elba offense added a touchdown on a perfect pass from Brayden Johnson to Ty Sieving to prove it could travel through the air, and over on defense it came up with a turnover and once again passed some big hits that had the crowd standing. It was a game Elba was supposed to win, and that is what it was, a big win by a team that has the talent to win a bunch more.

*** *It was a so-so week* for the teams in the coverage area as New Brockton stunned highly-favored Opp on the road and Brantley bounced back to claim a big region win, while Kinston and Zion Chapel both dropped games on the roads. Here is a quick look back....

** *New Brockton snapped a 15-game losing streak* in grand fashion as they stunned the Opp Bobcats 19-14 on the road to claim a huge region road win. The Gamecocks found out in the opening week that they could play physical football and took the fight to the Bobcats from the start to begin a new streak.

** *Brantley struggled at times*, but did what it had to when it counted and escaped with a 19-13 region win over Houston County. The Bulldogs are off to a rare slow start this season, but there is no doubt they will keep working and before long will be the state title contender everyone expected them to be before the season kicked off.

** *Kinston made the trip up Highway 189* for a region clash with the second-ranked Elba Tigers and were simply out-matched in a 42-7 loss. The Bulldogs played hard for all four quarters despite an early 35-point deficit, and even in a loss showed their fans they will be a fun team to support and will get some more wins as the season rolls along.

** *Zion Chapel picked up an unexpected win* early in the week due to a forfeit from Pike Liberal Arts, but didn't make it two wins in one week as they hit the road for a region match-up against Goshen and suffered a 36-9 defeat. The Rebels always have a solid game plan and execute that plan very well, but some nights their opponent is just too strong, as was the case Friday night.

*** *It was a wild week of high school football action* in week two three top-ranked teams getting knocked off, and even more excitement as the teams opened region play. Here is a look at the week that was across the state in all seven classifications....

** *Class 1A* – The top three teams all rolled to big wins as Leroy beat Clarke County 26-13, Elba rolled over Kinston 42-7 and Pickens County downed Brilliant 34-6, but that wasn't the case for all the teams in the poll as #4 Meek, #5 Sweet Water and #6 Spring Garden all fell to defeat. In action closer to home, high-scoring Florala flattened Red Level 48-13 and Georgiana opened some eyes with a 54-14 romp past McKenzie.

** *Class 2A* – Top-ranked Fyffe was stunned by Geraldine 17-6 to grab the headlines for all the wrong reasons, while #5 Tuscaloosa Academy, #9 Ariton and #10 Aliceville all lost. Closer to home, Highland Home hammered Ariton 35-7, Luverne blanked Geneva County 37-0, Barbour County slipped past Calhoun 12-6, Cottonwood outscored Northside Methodist 52-38 and Abbeville fell to Headland 38-8.

** *Class 3A* – Top-ranked defending state champ St. James moved up in class and got waxed by 4A Handley 55-27, while #2 Gordo lost to 4A Bibb County 33-21 and #3 Piedmont lost to 4A Cherokee County 26-7. Closer to home, Houston Academy rolled over Daleville 55-126 and Straughn surprised Pike County 20-19.

** *Class 4A* – Top-ranked Andalusia clobbered #7 Anniston 39-0 to cement its ranking, while #5 Oneonta lost to Dora 27-13 and #9 T.R. Miller dropped a heartbreaker to UMS-Wright 16-14. In action closer to home, Dale County was pounded by 5A Carroll 62-30 and Geneva was no match for Chipley, FL in a 34-13 loss.

** *Class 5A* – Top-ranked Ramsey got knocked off by Parker 20-17 and #2 Charles Henderson fell to 7A Mary Montgomery 19-7, while Eufaula got in the win column with a 27-23 victory over Stanhope Elmore.

** *Class 6A* – Top-ranked Saraland spanked Murphy 54-6 and #2 Clay-Chalkville battled past Hueytown 17-3, with the only loss among ranked teams being Benjamin Russell's 30-13 loss to Central-Clay County.

** *Class 7A* – Second-ranked Auburn was shocked at home by upcoming power Enterprise 17-16, while #7 Dothan rolled past Percy Julian 42-6 and #6 Hoover slipped to 0-2 on the season with a 28-21 loss to Oak Grove, MS.

*** *Turning the page to college football*, it was a big opening week for all three teams that create local interest as Alabama pounded Middle Tennessee 56-7, Auburn rolled over UMass 59-14 and Troy disposed of Stephen F. Austin 48-30. I know Alabama played a less than stellar opponent, but Jalen Milroe showed that for at least one week he is without a doubt the #1 quarterback as he passed for three long touchdown passes and ran for two more. Both back-up quarterbacks also ran for a score in the easy win, and all of the sudden a team that couldn't find a starter at the position may actually have three pretty good signal callers. At Auburn, Robby Ashford proved that while he may not be the #1 QB for the Tigers, he is no lower than the #1 ½, as he rushed for three touchdowns and may it obvious that the Tigers will use a two quarterback system under their new offensive minded head coach. Troy had plenty of high spots in its season opening win, but also had way too many low spots if the Trojans hope to equal last year's success. I know it was game one and there is a lot of time to improve, which is good because even though they made it look easy at times, there is a lot of improvement that needs to be done.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by over the weekend and declared that it wasn't fair to have to make predictions on high school football early in the season, and like the college playoff poll shouldn't be made until mid-season. The local guesspert hit on 18 of his 24 picks last week, which really wasn't that bad. However, I guess he will always chase that perfect week. Oh well, here goes week #3....

At Houston County

Elba Tigers hit the road for key region clash

The Elba Tigers will hit the road for the first time this season on Friday night when they head to Columbia for a region clash with the Houston County Lions.

Elba owns a 6-3 series edge over Houston County, has won five straight meetings and last season posted a 36-6 win.

"Houston County has really played us hard the last two years and we expect another battle Friday night," stated Elba Coach Marc Sieving. "They lost to 2A Northside Methodist in their season opener in a game that wasn't decided until the fourth quarter, and last week almost knocked off Brantley on the road. This week they will be back at home and will be playing with a renewed confidence, and there is no doubt they will be playing to win the ballgame."

Elba will carry a 2-0 record into the game with wins over New Brockton 35-8 and Kinston 42-7, while Houston County will bring an 0-2 record into the region clash with losses to

Northside Methodist 25-8 and Brantley 19-13.

"Houston County runs an offense similar to what we have seen the past two weeks in that it will be in a wing t look and will run powers and sweeps," added Sieving. "They have a couple of backs that run hard and can also be effective throwing the ball. Over on defense they have a really good group of

In week #3 action

Area teams remain in region wars

The third week of the high school season will kick off Friday night for teams in the area with two teams playing at home and one hitting the road.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

Providence Christian at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home Friday night after two weeks on the road when they host the Providence Christian Eagles, in a key region clash.

ELBA VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Pea River felines have their bags packed for a trip to a lion's den over near the Georgia line and could have their hands full with a pride of cats that are hungry for a win after two losses to start the season. While this one may be a lot closer than many expect, look for the felines to have an enjoyable trip back to the river.

ELBA 34 HOUSTON COUNTY 14

ZION CHAEL VS. WICKSBURG

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back inside the fort this weekend and will be looking to even their region record against a pack of panthers that are looking kind of skinny after missing a victory dinner two weeks in a row. While the troops will be ready for war, the guess here is the visiting litter of cats will eat well ion the trip back home.

WICKSBURG 28 ZION CHAPEL 8

NEW BROCKTON VS. PROVIDENCE CH.

The roosters could be heard crowing all through the week over near the by-pass celebrating their first region win of the season and this week are convinced they will jump atop the region standings and feast on a flock of birds expected to land near the coop. While the win last week was something to celebrate, it was only one win, and this week could be a reminder to play'em one at a time.

PROVIDENCE CH. 22 NEW BROCKTON 20

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from up across the creek got in the win column last week and are ready to go on a roll. The dogs will have to hitch hike to battle a bunch of cats that reside just over the county line and should move atop the region standings with win number two. If you listen close you can tell the bark is beginning to sound more like a low growl.

BRANTLEY 33 MCKENZIE 14

OTHER PICKS:

Opp 21 Northside Methodist 20
Leroy 42 McIntosh 0
Florala 48 Georgiana 32
Ariton 35 Geneva County 7
Cottonwood 42 Abbeville 16
G.W. Long 55 Samson 6
Highland Home 28 Goshen 27
Luverne 35 Barbour County 0
Hillcrest 34 Flomaton 0
Thomasville 42 Monroe County 6
Pike County 36 Ashford 12
Straughn 35 Daleville 14
T.R. Miller 56 Wilcox Central 0
Andalusia 52 Dale County 7
Geneva 21 Slocomb 13
Montgomery Catholic 40 B.T. Washington 12
UMS-Wright 28 LeFlore 0
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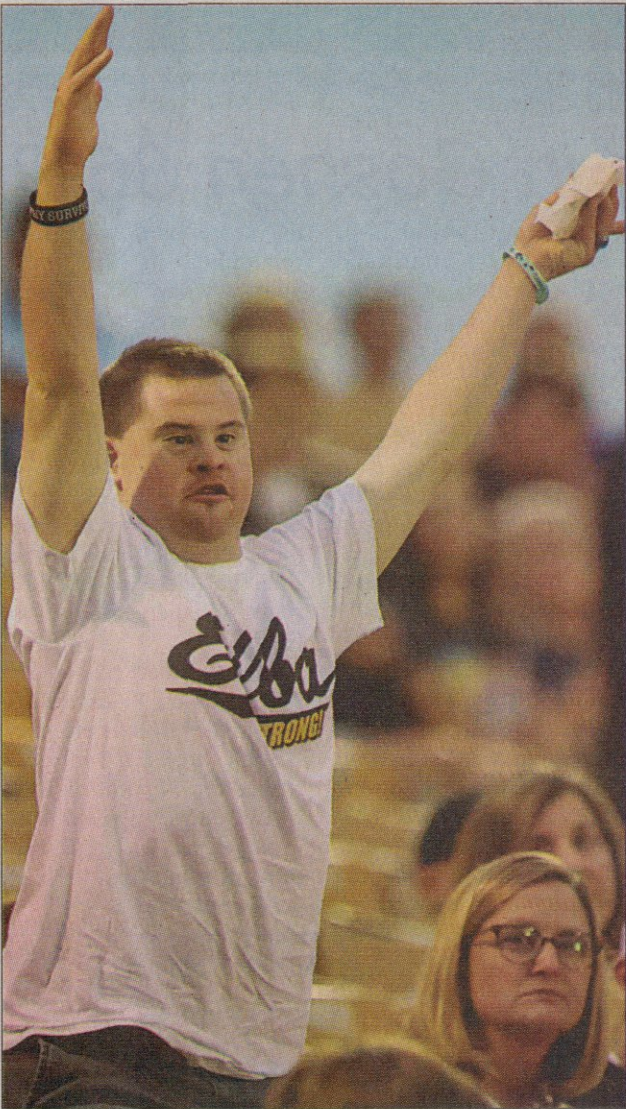
SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) ignores a pass rush from Kinston Bulldog Colby Tew (21) and lofts a pass downfield in last week's 42-7 region win over the Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Collin Arnold (1) goes low to stop a Kinston runner for a short gain in last week's 42-7 region win over the Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger fan Merrill Curran signals a Tiger touchdown as an Elba back breaks into the open. The Tigers will travel to Houston County this week for their first road game of the season.

Grab region win
Tigers Tigers roll over Kinston 42-7

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers opened region play Friday night with an impressive 42-7 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the opening kickoff and promptly went 58 yards in just three plays to give the fans a preview of things to come. Cayden Adkins had a 44-yard run to spark the scoring drive, while Alvin Henderson capped the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 10:59 left in the first quarter the Tigers were already on top 7-0.

Elba began its next possession at its own 30-yardline after a Kinston punt and this time needed four plays to cover the distance into the endzone, with Cayden Adkins doing the honors with a 57-yard scoring dash. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0 with 6:53 left in the quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at the Kinston 46-yatrdline after a short punt and covered the distance in two plays, with the Tigers third td of the quarter coming on a 46-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson. Wisecup's extra-point was true, and with 4:10 remaining in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 21-0.

Elba began its next possession at the Kinston 45-yardline after a pass interception by Cassidy Carpenter, and this time it took the Tigers only one play to cash in the turnover as on first down Brayden Johnson lofted a 45-yard touchdown pass down the middle of the field to Ty Sieving. Alex Wisecup tacked on the extra-point as the Tigers lead grew to 28-0 with 3:43 still left in the opening stanza.

Elba began its final offensive series of the quarter at its own 33-yardline after a Kinston punt and two plays later was right back in the endzone. Alvin Henderson rushed for 72 yards on two carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 53-yard gallop, and when Wisecup kicked the extra-point the Tigers owned a 35-0 lead with 13-seconds still left in the first quarter.

Elba began its only possession of the second quarter at its own 8-yardline after a defensive stand put an end to an 11-play Kinston drive that ate up over five minutes off the clock, and the Tigers made the most of the opportunity as they went 92 yards in eight running plays to score their sixth touchdown of the night. Alvin Henderson rushed for 92 yards on four carries and scored his fourth touchdown of the night on a 66-yard sprint down the sidelines. Alex Wisecup hit his sixth extra-point of the half, and at intermission the Tigers went in with a big 42-0 advantage.

Kinston failed to move the chains ion its initial possession of the second half, but got the ball back at its own 41-yardlinr with 7:51 left in the fourth quarter and marched 56 yards in five plays to get in the scoreboard. Colby Tew rushed for 38 yards on three carries and scored the Bulldog touchdown on a 22-yard run around the right end, and Marcus Free added the extra-point as the Bulldogs trailed 42-7 with 4:42 left on the clock.

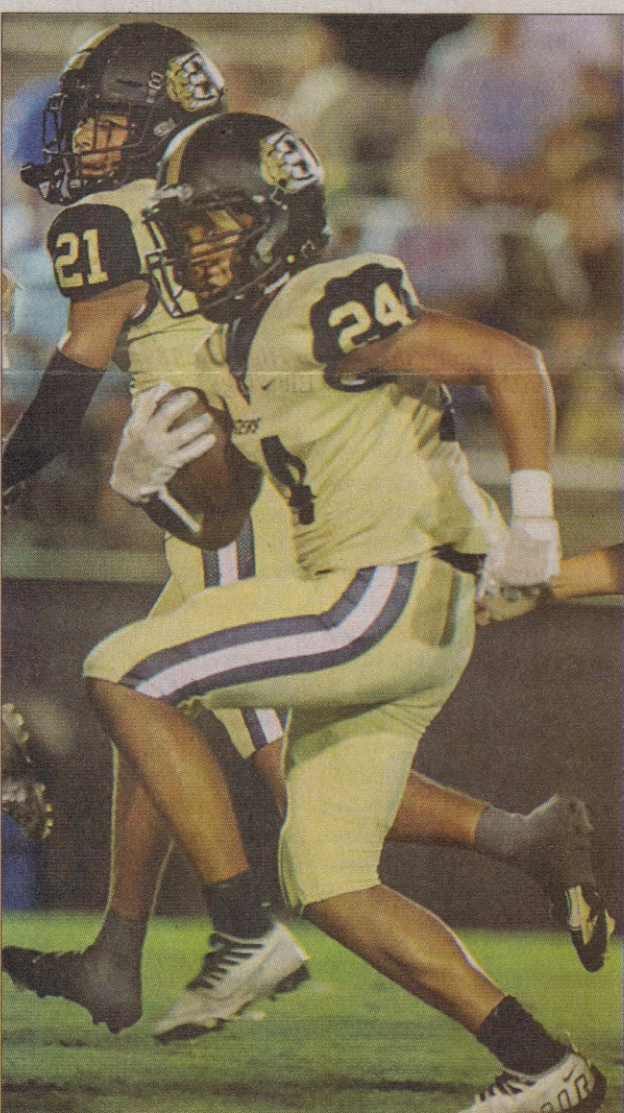
Elba's began its final possession of the night at its own 30-yardline and behind the running of Cassidy Carpenter reached a first down at the Kinston 15, but was slowed by a penalty and failed to cash in the late scoring chance as they settled for the big 42-7 region win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 221 yards on 10 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to spark the Tigers ground attack, which rolled up a total of 466 yards, while Cayden Adkins added 118 yards and 1 td on five carries and Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 79 yards on eight totes. Brayden Johnson completed 1 of 2 passes for 45 yards and 1 td, with Ty Sieving pulling in the touchdown toss.

Colby Tew rushed for 106 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries and Gabriel Hataway added 24 yards on four carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Brant McCollough completed 3 of 10 passes, with one interception, for 29 yards. Michael Thompson pulled in all three passes for 29 yards.



Elba Tiger Cassidy Carpenter (7) tries to pull away from a Kinston Bulldog defender, Carpenter rushed for 79 yards on 8 carries in last week's 42-7 region win.



Elba Tiger Skylar Mitchell (24) looks for room to run. Mitchell rushed for 30 yards on one carry last week in the Tigers 42-7 region win.

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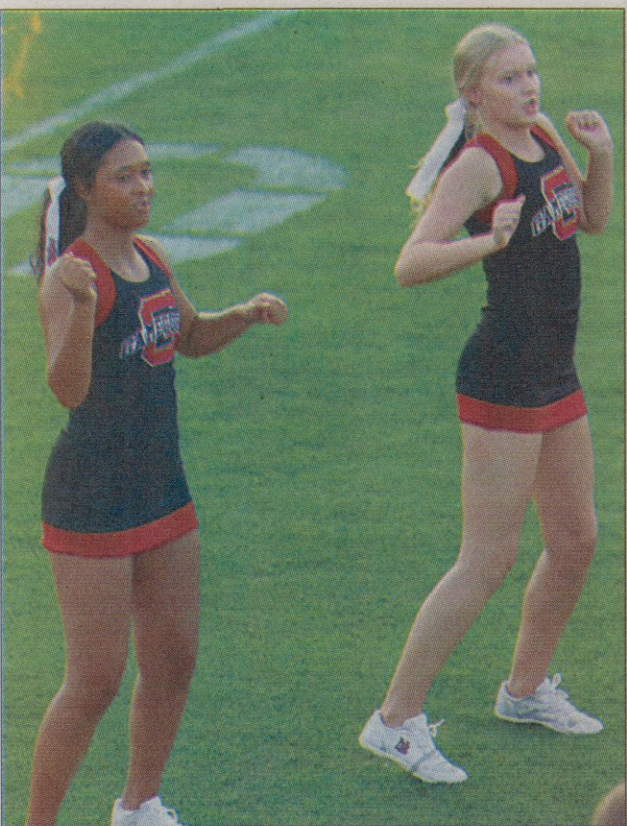
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Elba Marching Tiger Stella Edgar performs with the flag corp during last week's halftime performance.

SPORTS NEWS



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about as the Gamecocks knocked off Opp 19-14 in a key region match-up.

High School

VOLLEYBALL

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 7	Tuesday, Sept. 12
Floral at Elba	Houston County at Elba
Kinston at Andalusia	Pike County at New Brockton
New Brockton at G.W. Long	Kinston at Pleasant Home
Zion Chapel at Luverne	Highland Home at Zion Chapel
Goshen at Brantley	Brantley at Charles Henderson
Saturday, Sept. 9	Thursday, Sept. 14
Straughn Tournament	Elba at Floral
Monday, Sept. 11	New Brockton at Zion Chapel
Geneva County at New Brockton	Kinston at Opp
Kinston at Zion Chapel	Brantley at Red Level

Kinston Lady Bulldogs win one, lose one in varsity volleyball action

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Lady Rebels met Monday, Aug. 28, on the volleyball court with the junior high, junior varsity, and varsity teams all in action.

The Junior High team from Kinston won their match in two sets 25-13, 25-12. Emory Kinsaul led the Bulldogs with 11 serves while Justi Creech, Karlee Wallace and MaKayla Bond all had 1 set each. Creech also had 1 hit. Also, for the Bulldogs, Emma-Kate Marler and Maggie Johnson each had 5 passes.

The Junior Varsity Lady Bulldogs also won in two sets, 25-15, 25-17. Maggie Martin had 8 serves for the Lady 'Dawgs while Gracie Rhoades accounted for 2 hits, 8 passes, and 4 sets. Also, Rylie Rhoades and Brynne Kelley each had 2 hits.

In a five set match, the Lady Bulldogs fell to the Lady Rebels in varsity action, 23-25, 25-11, 25-18,

20-25, 10-15. Lillie Sumblin had 49 passes in the match while Aubrie Brown had 21 serves with 4 aces, 11 hits, and 3 kills. Choloe Phillips had 23 sets.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, the Lady Bulldogs took on the Houston County Lady Lions, and all three Kinston teams enjoyed victories on this day.

In Junior High action, the Lady Bulldogs won in two sets 25-11, 25-5. Emory Kinsaul had 17 serves, Trinity Carnley had 2 hits, Madi Phillips had 10 passes, and Maggie Johnson had 4 sets.

The Kinston JV squad won in two sets 25-16, 25-7 with Taylor McKinney accounting for 11 serves while Gracie Rhoades had 2 hits, 19 passes, and 9 sets. Also, Lyla Bruce had 2 hits.

The varsity Lady Bulldogs won in three sets 25-11, 25-13, 25-15. Lillie Sumblin had 21 sets and 25 passes while Madison Lolley had 15 serves. Baylee Smith accounted for 8 hits and 3 kills in the match.



Zion Chapel Rebel Jackson Adcock (5) drags down a Goshen runner for a short gain.

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Grab region road win

Gamecocks stop Opp 19-14

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks put an end to their 15-game losing streak and jumped atop the region standings Friday night with a surprising 19-14 road win over the Opp Bobcats.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and stunned the Bobcats as the Gamecocks went 54 yards in just four plays to get on the scoreboard. The score came on a 34-yard touchdown toss from Dawson Peacock to Baylon Foster, and while the extra-point attempt failed, New Brockton was on top 6-0 with 10:40 remaining in the first quarter.

The Gamecock defense bent on Opp's initial possession as the Bobcats reached a first down at the New Brockton 24-yardline. However, the defense rose to the early challenge and turned back the scoring threat when on fourth down Josiah Peterson sacked the Bobcat quarterback to end the threat.

New Brockton wasted little time adding to its lead as on the first play after the defensive stop Dawson Peacock went back to the airways and this time hooked with Baylon Foster on a 68-yard touchdown pass. The extra-point try again failed, but with 3:06 still left in the opening quarter the Gamecocks owned a 12-0 advantage.

Opp threatened again midway through the second quarter, but once again the Gamecocks rose to the challenge and turned back the scoring threat at the

New Brockton 18-yardline to carry a big 12-0 lead in at intermission.

Opp received the second half kickoff and this time was able to cash in a scoring opportunity and got on the scoreboard on a 40-yard pass from Colby Ballard to Damirian Thompson. Opp failed to add the extra-point, but with 8:03 left in the third quarter the Bobcats had cut the Gamecock lead to 12-6.

The New Brockton offense came back to life early in the fourth quarter and pushed its lead back out to two touchdowns on a five play drive that covered 69 yards and ended in the Opp endzone. The Gamecock score came on a 16-yard pass from Dawson Peacock to Anthony Silar, and Cayden Avalos added the extra-point as New Brockton stretched its lead to 19-6 with 8:08 left in the final quarter.

New Brockton's Bryan Thomas recovered a Bobcat fumble at the Gamecock 2-yardline to turn back yet another Opp scoring threat on the game's ensuing offensive series, and New Brockton chose to take a safety to avoid punting out of its own endzone as its lead went down to 19-8.

The Gamecocks Kyle GaVette picked off an Opp pass on the Bobcats ensuing possession with 3:10 left on the clock to dampen any comeback ideas, and whole the Bobcats did score with 14-seconds left on the clock on a 10-yard pass from Ballard to Zeb Green, it only changed the final score as at the final horn the



New Brockton Gamecock head coach Jason Barnett talks with Landon Zapata (32) during a break in the action. The Gamecocks will host Providence Christian Friday night looking to go 2-0 in early-season region action.

Gamecocks celebrated the big 19-14 region win.

Dawson Peacock completed 6 of 7 passes for 174 yards and three touchdowns to spark the New Brockton offense, while on defense the Gamecocks were led by Blake Peterson with 10 tackles, Jared Petite with 9 tackles, Josiah Peterson with 6 tackles and two quarterback sacks, and Bryant Crumpler with 8 stops.

Nelson Hall rushed for 137 yards on 24 carries and Colby Ballard completed 8 of 21 passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bobcats.



Zion Chapel Rebel Micah Fuller (1) dives over a Goshen eagle defender for extra yardage in last week's 36-9 region loss. The Rebels will host Wicksburg Friday night as region play continues.

Rebels ambushed in Goshen 36-9

From combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Goshen Friday night looking to grab an early-season region win on the road, but it was the undefeated Eagles that had an ambush set as they raced out to a 36-0 halftime lead and handed the Rebels a 36-9 defeat.

Goshen took advantage of a Zion Chapel turnover early in the game and jumped on top 7-0 on a 12-yard touchdown toss from Jayden McNabb to Tyler McLendon and the extra-point by Zion

Piscastoste, and then went up 14-0 with 5:37 left in the quarter when Szemerick Andrews broke loose from 22 yards out, and Piscastoste again added the extra-point.

Zion Chapel saw a scoring threat go by the board on its next possession when it turned the ball over on downs at the Goshen 10-yardline, but Goshen continued to have success crossing the goal line as McNabb and McLendon hooked up again, this time on a 20-yard td toss, to cap a 72-yard drive. A two-point pass found its target as the

Eagles moved ahead 22-0.

McNabb continued to find success in the air on the Eagles ensuing possession when he fired a 1-yard touchdown pass to Armani Cleveland in the corner of the endzone with 6:21 remaining in the half, and Piscastoste booted the extra-point to put Goshen up 29-0.

Goshen upped its lead to 36-0 with late in the half on a 1-yard run by Jamauri McClure and an extra-point by Piscastoste as the Eagles carried the big lead in at intermission.

The clock ran non-stop in the second half due to the lopsided score. However, the Rebels never gave up and got on

the scoreboard with 3:32 remaining in the third quarter when John Foster Hamm tossed a 12-yard touchdown pass to Micah Fuller, and Hamm added the extra-point to cut the deficit to 36-7.

Zion Chapel added a safety in the final seconds of the game after a failed punt attempt, and at the final horn the scoreboard read Goshen 36 Zion Chapel 9.

Mason Stuart rushed for 109 yards on 11 carries to spark the Rebel offense, while Jayden McNabb rushed for 44 yards on four carries and completed 4 of 7 passes for 41 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Eagles.

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